

Meeting Record

Senior's Needs Assessment Focus Group Meeting

Wednesday, 01 April, 2015 5:30 p.m.

Facilitator and note taker:	Sue Lawther
Attendees:	Sue Lawther, Kathy Macalister, Linda Jenkinson, Linda McKean, Deborah Eaton-Kent, Melissa Deller
Regrets:	Freda Cook, Jan Mitchell, Phil Mitchell, Michelle Cary-Barnard, Judy Gaudin-Riese, Dawn Minnett
Guests:	

Issue	Discussion	Action:
Opening Remarks	Sue welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Linda for arranging the meeting space.	
Review of Last Meeting's Action Steps	<p>Review Action Steps from last meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. continue working with RMOW to collect data 2. Continue partnership search 3. Meet with WB to present vision for Seniors Meeting Place on the Mountain 4. Bring BC Transit stakeholders meeting collated data to group when available 5. Research Savvy Whistler Guide sponsor opportunities and report back at next meeting 6. Continue fee negotiations with Dr. Hister as guest speaker at AGM 	<p>Ongoing Ongoing Completed Completed Ongoing On Hold Completed</p>
Initiative #1 : Data Collection	The questions have been sent to RMOW and the plan is to put them on the next Community Survey. Will continue to work with Norm McPhail on this one. Questions are noted in the Parking Lot at the end of these minutes.	Sue to continue working with RMOW to collect this data.
Initiative #2 : Town Hall Meeting	<p>It was generally agreed that many of the services TH participants mentioned were actually available in Whistler. Because not many people are using them at this point in time, they are not as visible as they would be in a more diverse demographic, but that is not to say they are not here. Brainstorming suggested the following action steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make "What Is Available" the theme of the next Savvy Whistler Guide insert 2. Compile a list of all Muni advisory boards and ensure we have a senior representative on each of them 3. Get involved with our MLA, Jordan Sturdy 4. Prepare a summary of transportation issues to give to the BC Transit Stakeholders Committee (Phil Mitchell), the Sea to Sky Transportation Committee (Sue), and the RMOW (Emma de Santo) 5. Review MAC website with a view to including more seniors' resources and links 6. Lobby RMOW for seniors' page on their website 7. Push <i>Better at Home</i> as a tool for ageing in place 8. Summarize housing concerns and pass them along to WHA (Bob Calladine) e.g. rezoning of land near the Village, raising the bedcap to allow multi-care facility near the Village, etc. 	Sue to compile summaries and lists for review at next meeting

	It was agreed that we will prepare the summaries as indicated and take these priorities to the next Board Meeting for approval.	
Initiative #3 : Mountain Meeting Place	Dawn reported that the project has been agreed to in principle, and will be created for the 2015.16 ski season.	Dawn will meet with WB representatives in the Fall
Programs and Services Opportunities	<p>It has been determined that the following services and programs will be disrupted in our community as of today:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seniors Drop In Centre and programming • Annual Seniors' Town Hall meeting support and participation • Seniors' representation on Measuring Up Select Committee of Council, Sea to Sky Transportation Committee and The BC Transit Committee • Seniors' liaison with RMOW Parks and Rec for programming and services • Sharing and caring activities (Seniors Helping Seniors) • Coffee and connecting activities • Walking and Snowshoeing program for healthy seniors • New Horizons for Seniors grant participation ... Digital Storytelling partnership <p>RMOW has agreed to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Explore the opportunity for a Seniors' Drop in Centre in the plans being drawn up currently for an expansion at Meadow Park. ➢ Take up the programming functions ... e.g. walking Wednesdays, snowshoeing, coffee and connecting ➢ Meet regularly with MAC representative to work collaboratively on seniors' programming <p>Sea to Sky Community Services has agreed to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Explore the opportunity for a regional seniors' outreach worker <p>Better at Home has agreed to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Increase advertising and focus on Whistler to ensure residents know of services available (light housekeeping, volunteer driving, snow removal, etc.) <p>WCSS will continue the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ 1 on 1 service for vulnerable, at risk seniors through appointments with the WCSS Outreach team (Monday, Thursday and Friday thru Davin, Jackie and Ashlin; Tuesday and Wednesday thru Melissa) ➢ Silver linings article ➢ Participation with B2H advisory committee ➢ Participation on MAC Focus Group ➢ Annual Seniors' Flu Clinic and Expo ➢ Annual Hearing Test ➢ Senior Specific Speakers' series – 1 in the Spring and 1 in the Fall ➢ Savvy Whistler Guide for Seniors participation ➢ Helping Hand program (Cathy Martin) <p>We will continue to work with the individual agencies to ensure continuation of all services and programming.</p>	Sue to continue working with agencies indicated and to take proposed action steps to Board for approval
Savvy Whistler Guide	<p>The following was tabled until our next meeting ... we need to structure a sub-committee to deal with this issue and there was insufficient attendance at this meeting to do so:</p> <p><i>We have been advised that The Question will no longer be interested in publishing the Savvy Whistler Guide. Ideas were brainstormed as to potential sponsors:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chamber of commerce • Tourism Whistler 	<p>Tabled</p> <p>All to start brainstorming Service and Program categories, and components of each in preparation for</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>RMOW – Community Enrichment Grant monies</i> • <i>Local businesses e.g. Blue Shores, TD Bank, Scotia Bank, Telus</i> • <i>American Friends of Whistler</i> <p><i>We agreed to research these opportunities online and draft a proposal to them for review at the next meeting.</i></p> <p>Discussion ensued as to the 2015 reprint theme of “What is Available”. The group decided to postpone brainstorming until the next meeting.</p>	'sticky note session' next month																		
AGM Planning	<p>Dr. Hister has agreed to speak at our AGM. We are getting good at the presentation and the task list is as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="430 512 1235 1287"> <thead> <tr> <th>Task</th> <th>Person Responsible</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Set Up</td> <td>1. David Oakes (projector) 2. Gord 3. Bob C. 4. Sue 5. Les</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Door Greeters</td> <td>1. Celia 2. Dawn</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Registration</td> <td>1. Stacey 2. Brenda Oakes 3. Rosemary 4. Kathy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Recorder</td> <td>1. Kathy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Photographer</td> <td>1.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Guest Speaker Point Person</td> <td>1. Joan Pitman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Refreshments</td> <td>2. Linda Jenkinson 3. Deborah 4. Linda McKean 5. Freda</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clean Up</td> <td>1. Les. 2. Gord 3. Bob M. 4. David Oakes 5. Everyone who is there at the end!</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Task	Person Responsible	Set Up	1. David Oakes (projector) 2. Gord 3. Bob C. 4. Sue 5. Les	Door Greeters	1. Celia 2. Dawn	Registration	1. Stacey 2. Brenda Oakes 3. Rosemary 4. Kathy	Recorder	1. Kathy	Photographer	1.	Guest Speaker Point Person	1. Joan Pitman	Refreshments	2. Linda Jenkinson 3. Deborah 4. Linda McKean 5. Freda	Clean Up	1. Les. 2. Gord 3. Bob M. 4. David Oakes 5. Everyone who is there at the end!	All to be at the venue at 5:30 p.m. for set up
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Action Steps	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. continue working with RMOW to collect data 2. Continue partnership efforts 3. Compile Town Hall summaries and indicated 4. Meet with WB representative to set up Seniors' Meeting Space on the mountains in the Fall 5. Continue working with alternate supply agencies to ensure continuation of programs and services within seniors' community 6. Start brainstorming categories for “What is Available” for Savvy Whistler Guide insert 7. Meet at the Catholic Church Hall at 5:30 p.m. to start set up for AGM 	<p>Sue Sue Sue Dawn / Phil</p> <p>Sue</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p>																		
Set Next Meeting Date	The next meeting date was set for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, 06 May, 2015 at venue TBA																			
<h1>Parking Lot</h1>																				
1.	Nurse Practitioners in Whistler – a new model for gerontology?																			

2.	How do Seniors age in place in a virtual community?
3.	Is there a role for the group as a catalyst for support groups?
4.	Library partnership potential?
5.	Vehicle sharing of Adaptive Sports van – this could come into play with STAR initiative?????
6.	<p>Initiative #1 : Data Collection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many 2nd homeowners between the ages of 45 and 64 are planning on making Whistler their primary residence • What the projected growth patterns are • How many current residents are planning on ageing in place here in Whistler • If access to health care was expanded, would that influence a decision to stay • By age group, what % of your disposable income do you spend in Whistler (e.g. groceries, restaurants, clothing, goods and services)

Next Meeting Takes Place....

Date	06 May 2015	Start	5:30 p.m.	End	7:00 p.m.	Location	TBA
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